

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Colombia
Program Title:	Internally Displaced Persons
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	514-009
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2006 Obligation:	\$31,977,000 ACI
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2007 Obligation:	\$32,392,000 ACI
Year of Initial Obligation:	2000
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2008

Summary: USAID's Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) program provides economic and social assistance to persons displaced by civil strife and violence and other vulnerable groups, including child ex-combatants, Afro-Colombians, youth at risk of recruitment by illegal armed groups. The communities in which IDPs reside are also assisted. USAID-funded activities are focused on medium and long term solutions leading to the sustainable re-integration of IDPs and former child combatants into mainstream Colombian society through programs at the national and local levels. Whenever possible, the Government of Colombia (GOC) prefers that IDPs return to their original places of residence. USAID supports this concept, but recognizes that in many cases return is not a viable option, either in the short or long term and that a complex mix of interventions must be undertaken to accomplish the ultimate goal of reintegrating this diverse group back into Colombian society.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2006 Program:

Support Populations at Risk (\$31,977,000 ACI). USAID is providing technical assistance, training, and other resources to assist Colombia's IDP population estimated at up to 3.4 million people and other vulnerable groups who have been affected by years of civil strife and conflict caused by social inequities and the production and trafficking of illegal drugs. This assistance is enabling IDPs and the communities in which they reside to receive psycho-social support to cope with the traumas associated with displacement and assist in addressing land tenure issues. Assistance is being provided to ensure the education of 4,500 children and provide access to health care for 7,800 people. In FY 2006, some 1,800 full time jobs are expected to be created and 2,200 vocational training students are expected to graduate from USAID assistance. An assessment of the status of IDPs living in the 111 target municipalities is being conducted in order to better target future assistance and to ensure that basic needs, such as housing, health care, and education, are met for this vulnerable population.

USAID financial assistance and P.L. 480 Title II commodities help support World Food Program (WFP) activities in Colombia. WFP provides targeted food rations to protect and stabilize the livelihoods of an estimated 499,000 displaced and other vulnerable persons, and enhance resistance to nutritional shocks experienced by IDPs as they make the initial transition to greater self-sufficiency during the first six months of displacement. The program also enables schools in receptor communities to provide for the nutritional needs of displaced and vulnerable school children.

Technical assistance is being provided to strengthen the management systems of Colombian private and public sector institutions to enable these organizations to provide effective support to IDPs and facilitate their reintegration into Colombian society. USAID is strengthening nongovernmental organizations and community groups working with internally displaced persons by training their employees and providing technical assistance to strengthen their information technology systems, financial systems, reporting and record keeping systems, and personnel systems.

At the national level, USAID provides GOC agencies with technical assistance to support IDP policy development, program design, and budget requests that will help them to apply key policies more effectively at all institutional levels. At the departmental level, USAID assists governors in developing departmental guidelines that support national policies. At the municipal level, USAID is working with local Committees for Attention to IDPs, helping them identify priorities and resources which they can apply at local and departmental levels. USAID is supporting institutional strengthening measures such as land titling, tax registry improvement, and other initiatives that directly improve the ability of local government to provide services to IDPs and other vulnerable populations.

Principal grantees and implementing partners: International Organization for Migration, the Pan American Development Foundation, a variety of other local and international non-governmental organizations, and numerous public-sector entities.

FY 2007 Program:

Support Populations at Risk (\$32,392,000 ACI). USAID will continue to strengthen national and local capacity to provide an integrated package of services to IDPs and other vulnerable groups. By strengthening public and private Colombian humanitarian assistance institutions, USAID will help IDPs gain access to job training and placement, health care and counseling, improved nutrition, shelter and housing, income generation, and educational opportunities. Principal grantees will include the Pan American Development Foundation, the International Organization for Migration, the GOC's Presidential Agency for Social Action and International Cooperation, and a number of local and national non-governmental organizations.

Performance and Results: During FY 2005, USAID's programs improved the lives of 584,000 IDPs and people living in receptor communities and 556 former child combatants. Throughout the life of these activities, USAID has leveraged almost \$85 million through strategic alliances with public and private sector partners. The commitment that is being demonstrated by the private sector, civil society, and the GOC to collectively address issues surrounding the growing displaced population ensures long-term sustainability and increases the impact of USAID's interventions in this sector. USAID, and its implementing partners, are widely acknowledged to be the catalysts that are spearheading this important effort at the national, regional, and most importantly, local levels.

By the end of FY 2008, USAID will have assisted more than 1.7 million IDPs and an additional 1.1 million vulnerable persons. This represents a serious effort to address Colombia's displaced population of more than 3.4 million people and the estimated 11,000 child combatants.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Colombia

514-009 Internally Displaced Persons	ACI	ESF	Plan Colombia
Through September 30, 2004			
Obligations	92,070	36,600	30,000
Expenditures	44,316	36,578	30,000
Unliquidated	47,754	22	0
Fiscal Year 2005			
Obligations	32,000	0	0
Expenditures	37,562	2	-20
Through September 30, 2005			
Obligations	124,070	36,600	30,000
Expenditures	81,878	36,580	29,980
Unliquidated	42,192	20	20
Prior Year Unobligated Funds			
Obligations	0	0	0
Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA			
Obligations	31,000	0	0
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006			
Obligations	31,000	0	0
Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA			
Obligations	31,000	0	0
Future Obligations	31,000	0	0
Est. Total Cost	217,070	36,600	30,000